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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1160

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Green Program Task Force.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pelath

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the 15-member Indiana Green Program Task Force. It requires the task force to do the following:

- (1) Explore the feasibility of establishing an Indiana Green Program to:
 - (A) create green space by acquiring or creating natural habitats; and
 - (B) use green space as a means to promote economic development.
- (2) Recommend legislation to the General Assembly to establish an Indiana Green Program pilot project that does the following:
 - (A) Encourages the development and promotion of high technology products and services for global export that are related to industrial production practices that create or sustain green space.
 - (B) Focuses on computer system hardware and software research and development products and services by conducting research and development efforts using Indiana University resources, establishing and using an industrial incubator program, and establishing a globally competitive entrepreneurial ecosystem of Indiana-based university and high technology start-up companies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Green Program Task Force:* Expenses for the task force will depend upon the number of meetings held and the amount of expenses (per diem and travel expenses) claimed by the members of the task force. The bill requires the task force to meet at least one time each calendar quarter.

The Indiana Green Program Task Force will be comprised of 15 members as follows: 6 members of the Senate; 6 members of the House of Representatives; the Secretary of Commerce, or their designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, or their designee; and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or their designee.

The 12 legislative members of the task force will be entitled to the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of interim study committees. The remaining 3 members will be entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred in connection with their duties. The Legislative Services Agency will provide staffing support for the task force.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency; Indiana Economic Development Corporation; Department of Environmental Management; Department of Natural Resources; Indiana University.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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